(d) Indian Institute of Foreign Trade is playing a very active role in the development of North Eastern Region. It has carried out export potential studies of various North Eastern States. The Institute has also done various seminars and certificate courses in various North Eastern States.

LPG connections under Deepam Scheme in A.P.

*40. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of releasing LPG connections under Deepam Scheme in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the quantum of monthly kerosene quota which has been surrendered by the State in lieu of LPG connections;

(c) whether surrendering of kerosene quota has affected the small quantity users of the commodity; and

(d) if so, what remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have released 16.34 lakh LPG connections as on 31st May, 2002 under the Deepam Scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) As per the Deepam Scheme, monthly kerosene allocation @ 5 litres per LPG connection is reduced.

(c) and (d) The small quantity users would not be affected, as the reduction had been effected, as per the quantum agreed to by the State Government, on the new LPG connections under the Deepam Scheme on the assumption that these LPG consumers would not require any SKO allocation.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Posting of CISF personnel at airports

52. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to entrust the security of all airports in the country to the Central Industrial Security Force;